HIGHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

This profile shows key information and trends about the demographics, staffing, and funding for Highland County Public Schools.

STUDENTS

Enrollment since 2008-2009:

Highland had 258 students in 2008-2009.

-27%

Highland is projected to have 188 students in 2018-2019.

- 17% of all school-aged children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 13% statewide
- 62% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2017-2018 compared to 44% statewide
- 0% of all student were English learners in 2017-2018 compared to 12% statewide
- 33% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative were filled in 2017-2018

STAFFING

Overall, the number of staff per student has increased for Highland from 2008-2009 to 2016-2017. There are now:

4 Fewer teachers and instructors
0 Fewer principals and assistant principals
0 Fewer school counselors and librarians
2 Fewer teacher aides
2 Fewer support staff

8 Fewer staff
58 Fewer students

FUNDING

State direct aid has fallen for Highland County Public Schools, adjusting for inflation.

The local, state, and federal shares of school operations funding has shifted since 2008-2009. Highland has taken on a larger share of funding

Total funding for operations*

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Did you know....

...that a one-cent increase in Highland's property tax rate can raise about $69,000?

...that Highland invested 7.2% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2016-2017?

Sources: Virginia Department of Education, U.S. Census Bureau, The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis
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